

June 13, 2011

Alaska Regional Office

NOAA Fisheries' National Marine Fisheries Service
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Juneau, Alaska 99802-1668

Dear Ms. Mahoney and Mr. Smith:

This letter is being written to: 1) request Government to Government Consultation with the National Marine Fisheries Service Leadership and 2) to request that the National Marine Fisheries Service becomes a Cooperating Agency in the SEIS process for the proposed Chuitna Coal Mine.

Government to Government Consultation with National Marine Fisheries Service Leadership:

NVT – IRA Tribal Council formally requests ongoing quarterly Government to Government meetings with appropriate leadership at the National Marine Fisheries Service to address the Chuitna Coal Mine Proposal, Draft SEIS, and any other issues of concern. We would like these meeting to begin in July of 2011.

RE: Cooperating Agency Status: We are clear that your responsibility is to protect Marine Mammals and their habitat. As a result, the Native Village of Tyonek – IRA Council formally requests that the National Marine Fisheries Service become a Cooperating Agency as soon as possible.

Thank you for your proactive consideration of these important requests. Please respond in writing and send a duplicate copy to our Advisor / Rob Rosenfeld, P.O. Box 13, Homer, Alaska, 99603 (robrosey@gmail.com) / (907)388-2683).

Sincerely:

President Frank Standifer III